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"He's coming, Deeley."
"Who's coming?"
"Land!" exclaimed Mrs. Brigham.
"I don't believe you've heard a word
I've said!"

Delia laughed as she emerged from
the closet. "I don't believe I want
to hear any more about Deacon
Brown's widowed son-in-law," she
said.

"He's coming next week with the
baby and a nurse."
"Let him come. The baby will be
a comfort to Mrs. Brown."
"Praps he'll let her keep it. If
he should marry again, Deeley, the
second wife—"

"Now, mother," said Delia, inter-
rupting her by putting both hands
upon her cheeks and turning her face
toward the light, "I understand you
perfectly. But—"

"Now, Deeley, I ain't no match-
maker at all. Only—"
"Only you'd like me to marry the
rich widower, with the encumbrance
of a baby less than two years old. I
understand you, mother mine."

Mrs. Brigham colored under Delia's
searching glances. She felt a painful
consciousness that she had been too
careless in the disclosure of her
thought, "He's rich. Maybe he'll take
a fancy to my Deeley."

She looked up at Delia almost be-
seemingly. Deeley was "odd," the
married sisters asserted, but this
criticism of her youngest the mother
resented. Deeley was a bit masterful,
perhaps, but that was her fault, not
Deeley's, she reflected.

"Confess," said Delia.
"Now, Deeley, when all I said—"
"Well, well," said Delia, with a kiss,
"we'll let the widower drop into
oblivion. Only, mother mine, I do
not want my name connected with his.
So do not let our neighbors even hint
at such a thing to you. And—now
listen, dear, you are not to try to bring
together two people who do not want
to know each other."

"I don't know why you say that,
Deeley. He's a likely man an' well to
do."

"There is such a thing as hearing
too much about a person," said Delia.
"Don't mention his name again, please,
mother. I'm sick of a paragon by the
name of Carlton St. John. Such a
name!" scornfully.

She glanced at the clock as she
spoke.

"Goodness!" she exclaimed, "it is
past ten! How provoking! I thought
we'd have roast veal for dinner, but it

is too late. I shall have to make a veal
pie."

"I'd make it in the big pie-dish,
Deeley. I wouldn't wonder a mite if
one of the girls dropped in about
dinner time. I've kind o' felt it in
my bones that something would hap-
pen before sundown."

"I'll make it in the big dish. There
shall be plenty. I'll go for the veal
now."

This was another of Delia's oddities.
To do one's own marketing was a
proper thing, but to bring home brown
paper parcels, or baskets packed with
groceries was not feminine, the sister-
hood declared.

An hour later Delia stood at the
table rolling out the rich undercrust,
in the making of which she excelled.
Over the slow fire simmered the veal;
while at the north window sat her
mother paring potatoes.

Mrs. Brigham was unwontedly
silent. She was sore over her defeat,
for so she considered it. How could
she have been so careless, she asked
herself. Did she not know from past
humiliating experiences how "set"
Deeley could be?

She was therefore very silent. Sudden-
ly she dropped her knife upon the
floor. "Land, Deeley!" she cried,
"there's a fire somewhere! Don't you
hear the bells a ringing?"

She jumped up and ran to the south
window and looked from it eagerly.
A fire was always a pleasurable ex-
citement to her. She often felt im-
patient with Deeley for being cool and
self-contained.

"I can't see a mite o' smoke," she
said.

"Go out on the veranda," advised
Delia.

Nothing loth, Mrs. Brigham threw
her apron over her head and left the
room. In a moment she returned.
"Oh, oh, Deeley!" she panted, "it's
here! The fire's here! It's our own
roof!"

"Nonsense!" said Delia, sharply.
"Whoever told you that was joking.
Our roof on fire! Well, I guess so.
I guess we shall know when our own
roof gets on fire without having to be
told."

"Spencer Field said—said—
so," said her mother, who was now sob-
bing.

"Spencer Field is a simpleton!" re-
plied Delia.

Nevertheless she ran out into the
back yard. A half-dozen men stood
there, looking up at the house-roof.
One of them spoke reassuringly.

"The engine will be here directly.
The boys will soon put it out."

Delia gave a swift, comprehensive
glance upward. "A bucket o' well-
water'd put that out without all this
fuss," she said, contemptuously.

She hurried back into the kitchen.
Her mother was standing in the
middle of the room, wringing her
hands.

"I don't know what to do first,
Deeley," she whimpered.

"There ain't nothing to do but lock
the doors and keep the crowd out; I
aint going to have a crowd marching
through the house."

This was soon accomplished, and
advising her mother to resume her
work, Delia returned to her pie-
crust.

Mrs. Brigham resented the sugges-
tion. "I declare, Deeley," she ex-
claimed, "a body'd think fires never
did no damage. And if you have got
nerve enough to stand here and work
same as if there wasn't nothing a-fire,
why, I ain't cooler'n a cucumber, and
I'm going up the attic to see if they
are putting it on."

Delia laughed. "They'll be about
twenty firemen up on the roof to put
out a fire no bigger'n my hand," she
said. "But go along, mother. You'll
sleep easier for it, and I will finish
paring the potatoes."

Her mother had hardly left the
room when there came a loud rap upon
the kitchen door. Delia paid no at-
tention. A second followed. A third,
a fourth, and then, as a scowl gathered
upon Delia's forehead, a succession of
strong blows, as of some one assailing
the door with the intention of forcing
it open.

Delia threw down her rolling-pin
and opened the door. "What's the
matter, now?" she demanded, curtly.

Three of their neighbors pressed
into the room. "We must go upstairs,"
they said. "It may have burned
through inside, Deeley."

Delia laughed scornfully. "That
speck o' fire'd never burn a house
down 'bout there was a gale o'
wind," she said, "but I will let you go
up 'long as you are so concerned about
it."

"You are a bit upset, ain't you,
Deeley?" said one of the trio, as they
passed out of the room.

"He's a tramp," thought Delia.
"Now I shall hear some pitiful tale."

She steeled her heart against it.
He was not in need of food, she
decided. His clothes were worn and
shabby, though they fitted well, and
there was an indefinable something
about him which suggested a former
respectability. Yet he had not that
gauntness which told its own sad
tale.

She waited a moment, wondering
that he did not speak. "Tramps were
seldom so slow of speech," she re-
flected. "He was planning how to
get in, doubtless. This fire was his
opportunity, he probably felt. Well—"

The tramp interrupted her train of
thought. "I beg pardon," he said,
"but coming through a vacant lot back
here, just now, I saw sparks lodge on
the roof above us."

His voice had in it a sweetness and
refinement which still further sur-
prised Delia. A sufficient explanation
of it flashed quickly through her mind.
"He is some bank official, a defaulting
cashier just out of prison," she de-
cided. Her reply therefore was sharply
given. "The firemen will attend to
it."

"But—"

"You are troubling yourself need-
lessly," she interrupted, making a
movement to close the door.

He put his hand against it.
"Pardon me," he said, "but if you
have a short ladder here, I will run up
on the roof and see if—"

"The firemen will—"

"Pardon me, but since I saw those
sparks descend upon the roof, I have
a fancy to take the part of a fireman
myself."

There was a faint smile upon his
face, as he thus pressed his desires.
Delia resented it. A tramp, an ex-
convict, smiling at her, daring to smile
at her!

Through her anger, however, she
was sufficiently calm to perceive that
she was, in a measure, in the man's
power. She was alone in the lower
part of the house, the outside crowd
were congregated in the front yard
and upon the lawn, and, with the
clamor of excited voices, and the ding-
ing of the engine, she could not summon
help.

Strategy must be her defence, she
concluded, quickly, and as quickly
she answered him. "I don't believe
there's even one spark alive and burn-
ing up there," she said, a purposely
pettish ring in her voice, "but if you
are so set about it, there's a ladder
down in the cellar."

"Tell me where to find it," stepping
inside the kitchen. "Oh, I'll have
go down with you," ungraciously.

"Dear me, I never saw such a piece of
work about a bit of shingle as folks is
bound to make to-day." She bolted
the kitchen door. "I won't have no
tramps bursting in here without my
leave," she said. Her tone was
defiant almost to rudeness, but in her
heart was a fear lest this tramp, this
embezzler of bank funds, might dash
into the dining room and the silver
closet. Once there he would be mon-
arch of all he surveyed.

So, catching a shawl from a nail and
throwing it over her shoulders, she
opened the door leading into the
cellar.

"Wait," she said, turning back. "It
is so dark I must light a lamp."

This done, she led the way. Down
the stairs the tramp followed her and
across the stone floor to a corner of
the cellar where was the rain-water
cistern.

It was large and of stone and brick
closely cemented. The top was cov-
ered by a thick layer of planks.
Delia paused at one end and lifted a
plank aside. Then she turned to the
tramp.

"If you are still bent on having a
ladder," she said, "you can climb in-
side the cistern and get one. 'Twas
left in there day before yesterday,
when the cistern was cleaned out. I
s'pose you may as well go in for it as
anybody. Somebody'll have to get it
out 'fore a rain comes."

"I'll get it," said the tramp. "There's
no time to lose."

"Get it, then. I'll hold the lamp."

The tramp stepped forward, rolling
up his sleeves.

"Oh, you won't get wet," commented
Delia, with a short, scornful laugh.

The tramp made no reply. He push-
ed a broken stool to the cistern's side,
stood upon it for a half second, placed
his hands upon the edge, and drew
himself up with an agility and ease
which surprised Delia, who was used
to seeing the ascent made with labor-
ious struggling. "He's used to scaling
walls," was her inward comment.

She waited until he had begun to let
himself down into the cistern. Then
holding the lamp above her head, and
moving slowly backward, she called:
"I wouldn't be a mite surprised if that
ladder was away over in the farther
end. That Jim Little is a dreadful
forgetful!"

A splash of water interrupted her.
"Hallo!" called the tramp, "I

thought you said this place was dry,
and here's the water up to a man's
neck!"

"If you're in a hurry to put out those
sparks, maybe I'd better run upstairs
and see if they've got to blazing yet,"
said Delia, as she turned and hurried
across the floor.

She ran up the stairs, opened the
door into the light, sunny kitchen,
shut it quickly, and bolted it.

"There," she said to herself, "there,
my fine gentleman-tramp! it'll take you
some time, I think, to find your way
out of that dark cellar!"

She smiled grimly when she went
out-of-doors and surveyed the crowd,
who watched the firemen upon the
roof of the main house. "Such a mu-
ciado-about-nothing," she said, contemp-
tuously. "I should have gone up my-
self with a dipper of water, if I'd
known about it."

But Delia thought cool and scornful,
was not destitute of sense. Calling a
fireman to her, she directed his atten-
tion to the shed roof. Then, returning
to the house, she resumed the making
of her veal pie.

Half an hour later she was deftly
covering the big dish, for
which her mother had stipulated,
with the rich top crust, for which she
herself had a special fondness. Her
face was grave, as befitting her task,
yet a close observer would have noted
a gleam in her eyes, which betokened
that her thoughts were not wholly upon
her work.

But presently a frown gathered upon
her forehead, and she looked toward
the door impatiently. It was thrown
open with a touch which was indicative
of familiar acquaintance with the old-
fashioned latch, and a tall somewhat
stout woman entered, followed at a
little distance by a man who Delia at
first supposed to be an utter stranger to
her. She nodded briefly to the
woman. "How do you do, Sarah?
Mother thought you'd be along, you or
Nancy, or both of you."

"Oh, well, I'm not alone," responded
Sarah, good-humoredly, "and I have
brought someone that'll do just
as well as Nancy. You're making veal
pie, ain't you? Well, I guess Mr. St.
John'll excuse you while you finish it.
Mr. St. John, this is my sister, Miss
Brigham; Deeley, this is Mr. St. John."

Delia looked at the stranger, bowing
slightly. And then, as she met his
eyes, she turned back to her work with
an abruptness which brought a sudden
color into her cheeks; for in this
stranger she saw not only the
tramp whom she had decoyed into the
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